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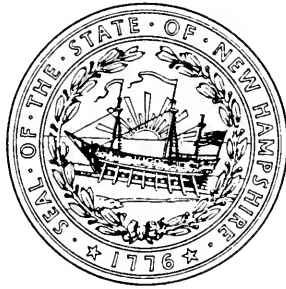
BRIDGEWATER

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For the Fiscal Year Ending
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*In Memory
of
Patricia Mitchell*



*Town Clerk
1965- 1996*

*In Memory
of
Margaret Thistle*



*Town Tax Collector
1965 - 1996*

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TOWN OFFICERS

March Town Meeting

Town Clerk

Kathy Vestal*	1999
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Selectmen

Terence Murphy	1997
Thomas Curren	1998
Maurice Jenness	1999

Treasurer

Marilyn Raymond	1997
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Trustees of Trust Funds

George Carr	1998
Phyllis Clement	1996
Marvin Lewis	1997

Supervisors of Check Lists

Celia Dempsey	2002
Alfred Nickerson	1998
Marjorie Nickerson	2000

Moderator

Andrew Denton	1999
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Library Trustees

Nancy Gray	1995
Catherine Drew	1996
Pauline Havens	1997

* Filling out the unexpired term of Patricia Mitchell

APPOINTMENTS

Deputy Town Clerk

Cathy Lyford	1999
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Tax Collector

Nancy Denton	1999
Rachel Spencer, Deputy	1999

Forest Fire Warden

Lawrence Gilpatric

Deputy Fire Wardens

Creighton Gray	John Farro
Andrew Denton	Donald Atwood

Dana Davis

Planning Board

Elaine MacAdams, Chair	Robert Williams
Ronald Olszak	Richard Brooks
Hank Woolner	William Delashmit

Terence Murphy, Ex. Off.

Alternates: Col. B. Finkle	Maurice Jenness Alt. Ex. Off.
James Jeffrey	

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Nils Larson, chm	Ronald Towne
E. Wayne Thompson	David Horton
Alternates: Charles Swanson	David Cheney

Conservation Committee

Joseph Allison, Chm	Nancy Gray
Elaine MacAdam	Robert Tucker
Alternates: Phyllis Clement	William Weir

School Board Member	Patricia Travers	1999
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School Board Budget Comm	Mary Ellen Godville	1998
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Road Agent	Donald Atwood
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Chief of Police	James Gickas
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Fire Chief	Andrew Denton
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Building Inspector	Fred Wilcox
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Town Forester	Creighton Gray
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Selectmen's Report
1997

This was a year of transition and change. We lost two esteemed town officials and friends when Margaret Thistleand Pat Mitchell passed away. Also, two of our oldest and most respected citizens, Amy Townsend and Lillian Clement died this year. Our sincere condolences to all their family members.

The positions of Tax Collector and Town Clerk have been filled by very capable and hardworking individuals. Nancy Denton and Kathy Vestal bring to these offices exceptional backgrounds and the dedication to duty as did their predecessors. Much hard work and a significant investment of time was necessary to learn the intricacies of each job as well as convert old records to new data systems. We owe a debt of gratitude to Nancy and Kathy for their efforts on our behalf. We also appointed Cathy Lyford as Deputy Town Clerk and Rachel Spencer as Town Secretary and deputy tax Collector. We wish to acknowledge the outstanding work of Eliene Linde who retired as town secretary this year. We will miss her.

Finances remain in excellent shape. We ended the year with a modest surplus and the tax rate was level for the third year. Debt remains very low. This reflects the conservative approach to fiscal matters and the assistance of all the department heads. The budget recommended this year mirrors this approach. The municipal tax rate will remain the same. However, we anticipate an increase in taxes due to the School and County portion of the budget. The School portion is largely due to larger enrollments from Bridgewater.

Highway: The new truck arrived after extended delays by the manufacturer and is in service. We plan to pave the steep portion of John Smith Hill road this year. Dick Brown road reconstruction is completed after many weather related delays. We will seal that section this year. Hammond Hill paving was completed and new bridge rails were installed. We are revising some matters in this department to allow for more time grading and maintaining summer roads. By subcontracting some hauling of materials, we will be able to spend more time on the roads. Last year we spent 10 weeks hauling construction material for the Dick Brown Road reconstruction and winter sand. The added time will be used to repair culverts and smooth roads and other related tasks.

Police: We are pleased to hear positive citizen reactions to the present officers' service. We are presenting a budget that allows for creating a full-time position in this department. It will be discussed at town meeting.

Fire Department To all those who volunteer in this department, our sincere thanks and "hats off" to the fire auxiliary. The annual fund raising Flea Market was a decided success. The department still needs volunteers - any interested parties?

Buildings: We are proposing to pave the parking lot at the Town Library/Town Clerks office, re-roofing that building and removal of some large trees. A much needed item. We are completing the painting of the fire station. The River Road building will be scraped and painted as well as the fuel tanks we installed last fall.

Planning Board: They are recommending a new sign ordinance. We recommend your favorable vote on this matter. The present sign ordinance is inadequate and requires this update. This Board is becoming much more active and they are working on updating the master plan this year. This group is doing a great job for all of us. Thanks from all of us.

Conservation Commission: This group has also been very active. They are proposing a wetland study of the Town. It is essentially an inventory of areas to be cataloged. It will help us in long term planning. They also should be thanked for their work this year. Great Job!

Town House Update: The upgrades and repairs to the Town House are complete. A new granite patio was also installed. Thanks to Ken Forbes and Harvey Stewart and all others who helped on this project. An historical consultant will send an outline of future restoration. At that time, a committee will be developed to recommend future plans.

School: Last, but not least! At the last town meeting, a question was raised regarding a school in Town. Over the years, we have had similar requests. We have worked this past year on a plan to return a school to Town. During this time, a piece of land was donated to the Town on Rt3a for such a purpose. We also met with the Town of Hebron, Planning Boards, School Boards, and the Superintendent of Schools regarding this matter. We completed the initial ideas and all are in agreement. We should plan for a school funded by Bridgewater and Hebron. We had completed all of the discussions by the first of February and, much to our dismay, another Town notified us of their desire to change the present school cost apportionment from ADM (Average Daily Membership) to one using valuations. The net impact if this were to happen would cost the Towns of Bridgewater and Hebron an additional \$1,000,000.00 per year!!

Basically, it would almost DOUBLE THE TAX RATE IN BOTH TOWNS. The cost per student would increase from about \$6,000 to \$12,000. (Hebron would go to \$14,000) All others would decline to about \$5000/Student! (The cost to educate 150 students in Bridgewater and Hebron would be over \$2,000,000.per year)

Our proposal would secure for the Town the following:

- 1) Most students would remain closer to home.
- 2) Reduce time on the bus for students and reduced transportation costs
- 3) Greater local control
- 4) Create a better sense of Community
- 5) Resolve space problems
- 6) Long term ability to control costs while protecting the tax rate. Your tax rate would not be at the whim of financial issues facing other communities.
- 7) Increased parent involvement

This proposal would not increase costs to the other Towns. We would remain in the cooperative school district. This would avoid the expensive alternative of a large central elementary school which they would have to contribute. (est. at \$5,000,000)

We met with the other Town Officials, and they agreed to table, for the moment, this matter on the formula as they were not aware of our plans.

We will discuss this school matter in detail at our Town Meeting. IT IS VITAL THAT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE COME TO THE TOWN MEETING. This issue is not going to go away. It also has major impact on the future of other Towns. If we were to withdraw from the district, their costs will escalate beyond what they pay presently.

We will be prepared to present a plan that will invest in the future, protect our investments, remain in the school district and will have no major long term impact on the District or our taxpayers. While we thought we could approach this matter in a more leisurely manner, the events of last week, will force us to accelerate the time table. PLEASE COME TO GIVE US YOUR ADVICE ON THIS MATTER. LEARN ABOUT THIS ISSUE. We believe we can help the children and secure your future. Hope to see you on Tuesday, March 11, at 8pm.

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of March, (1997) next at Twelve of the clock in the noon to act on the following subjects:

Polls to be opened from 12 Noon to 6:00 PM

Business meeting at 8:00 PM

1. To choose a Selectman for three (3) years and all other necessary town officials.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$508,269, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include those amounts sought in other warrant articles. (Majority vote required) Recommended by Selectmen
3. To see if the Town will vote to change the organizational structure for providing safety services by eliminating the position of part-time police chief and establishing the new position of full time police chief with the condition that the person for that new position will be required to be also qualified as a fire fighter (minimum - Certified Fire Fighter, level one.) so that he/she may assist in fire fighting. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
4. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the processing, storage, storage and landspreading of wastewater treatment sludge/biosolids, including, but not limited to, sewage, paper and pulp mill sludge, whether it be wet, dry, composted, pelletized, mixed with other materials, or injected on or into the land in the Town of Bridgewater until regulations are enacted by the Selectmen and/or the Planning Board with public involvement to control such activity. (Recommended by Selectmen)
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept a gift of real estate consisting of 13.64 acres on Rt 3A, being Lot 12A on a Plan filed in Grafton County Registry of Deeds in Book 8359, subject to the restrictions that the land be used for a park, recreation area or public school and the land remain in title to Bridgewater or to an entity consisting of Bridgewater and Hebron for the sole purpose of a school. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
6. To see if the town will vote to establish a planning committee consisting of 3 persons from Bridgewater and 3 persons from Hebron for the purpose of establishing a school district, the building of a school building and the preparation of the necessary agreements for the district and the building and the acceptance of a gift of land from the Town of Bridgewater (Recommended by the Selectmen)

7. To see if the Town, having a Master Plan adopted by the Planning Board on July, 1981 and amended on October, 1989 will vote to authorize a municipal capital program projected over the next six years. The sole purpose and effect of this capital program shall be to aid the Board of Selectmen in their consideration of the annual budget all pursuant to RSA 674:5 (Recommended by Selectmen)
8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000 for capital improvements and repairs to Town buildings and property; this amount to be funded by the transfer of \$6000 from the December 31, 1996 unexpended fund balance, and the balance to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen)
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,100 for the purpose of conducting a wetland survey under the auspices of the Conservation Commission; This amount is to be funded by the transfer of \$ 5859 from the conservation commission fund and the balance to be raised by general taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)
10. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from the property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows; for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, a person must have been a New Hampshire resident for five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by the person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,500; and own net assets of not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Ballot Vote; Majority) (Recommended by the Selectmen)
11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, that no acceptance of these gifts shall be deemed to bind the trustees to raise , appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of such personal property. This authorization to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting. (Recommended by Selectmen)
12. To see if the town will confirm acceptance of the following roads: Alpine Rd.: Meadowbrook Rd. from Rt 3a to the intersection of Ledgewood Terrace; Ledgewood Terrace; Rockledge Terrace; Kingswood Lane. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to post Dick Brown Road "no thru trucking".
14. Resolution: Whereas the Town of Bridgewater has suffered the loss of two individuals, faithful town officials for over 30 years, in the persons of Patricia Mitchell and Margaret Thistle, and whereas these people never knew how they were esteemed and whereas the Town of Bridgewater is poorer for their having past, be it hereby resolved that this notice of the Town's grief be spread upon the Town's records for future generations may know our sorrow and regrets at their passing.
15. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seals, this Twenty Fourth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety seven.

Terence Murphy
Maurice Jenness
Thomas Curren

Selectmen
of
Bridgewater

Terence Murphy
Maurice Jenness
Thomas Curren

A true copy of Warrant ATTEST
Selectmen
of
Bridgewater

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensueing Year
January 1,1997 to December 31,1997

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Year	Actual Expenses Prev. Yr	Approp. Year 1997
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	23000	22179	23000
Election, Town Clerk	4200	14203	7500
Financial administration	27000	26657	27000
Legal expenses	10000	9307	10000
Employee Benefits	19000	23181	25000
Planning & Zoning	2000	6840	3000
Town Buildings	23000	23563	24000
Cemetaries	400	0	400
Insurance	22000	19552	21000
Advertising & Regional	2700	2494	2700
Subtotal General Govern	133300	147976	143600
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Department of Public Safety	0	0	65000
Police Division (36500)*	27500	25589	
Fire Division (28500)*	28500	28217	
Ambulance	5500	5500	4520
Building Inspection	700	1605	700
Emergency management	500	1171	500
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES			
General expenses highway	135000	168842	138000
Highway block grant	28523	28523	31677
Subtotal Safety, High.	226223	259447	240397
SANITATION			
Solid waste disposal	40000	40000	40000
Hazardous waste collection	681	681	681
HEALTH			
NANA	6744	6744	6744
N.H. Humane Society	300	300	300
Sceva Speare Hospital	2500	2000	1500
Plymouth Health Clinic	1000	1000	1000
Plymouth Senior Center		500	500
Family Services	0	0	500
Subtotal Sanit & Health	51225	51225	51225

WELFARE

General assistance	6000	2909	5000
Outreach program	400	870	400
Plymouth Area Crisis Service	500	500	600
Upper Valley Senior Citizens	1002	1002	1002

CULTURE & RECREATION

Library	635	635	635
Parks & Recreation	4892	4772	5010
Patriotic purposes	250	250	250
Historical Society	300	300	300
Other Culture & Recreat.	300	1866	300

CONSERVATION

Administration			
Expenses	1600	101	1600
Forests	1900	976	1500

Subtotal Welfare, Cul., Con.	17779	14181	16597
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DEBT SERVICE

Principal long notes	31081	36331	42581
Interest expense notes	10115	11822	10869
Interest tax anticipation	3000	1722	3000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Article 4 Highway Truck	68900	68900	
Article 5 Town Buildings	8000	8621	
Article 8 Capital Improvement			6000
Article 9 Conserv. Comm			5859
Subtotal Debt, Capital	121096	127396	68309

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>549623</u>	<u>600225</u>	<u>520128</u>
Less amount of est. reven.	223523	279070	181136
Amount of taxes to raise (exclusive of school & county)	<u>326100</u>	<u>321115</u>	<u>338992</u>

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIV.

Newfound School District	700599
County tax	223797

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

General Fund

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues For the
year ending December 31, 1996

	Estimated Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Ensuing Fiscal Year
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Yield Taxes	5000	9812	5000
Road betterment assess	6500	22002	10000
Interest & Penalties	10000	11656	10000
LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES			
Business licenses, per.	1400	874	1400
Motor vehicle permits	83000	107733	95000
Building permits	700	715	700
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE			
Shared Revenue	9000	15914	12000
Highway Block Grant	28523	28523	31677
Other			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - FEDERAL			
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest on Deposits	2500	4941	3500
Other			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Town Truck	68900	68900	
Town Buildings-Capital Improvement	8000	8000	6000
Conservation Commission			5859
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	<u>223523</u>	<u>279070</u>	<u>181136</u>

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

	Estimated 1996	Actual 1996	Estimated 1997	
Total Town appr	549,623	600,225	520,128	
Total revenues	223,523	279,070	181,136	
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Net Town appr	326,100	321,115	338,992	1.91
School appr	750,000	700,599	750,200	4.23
County assess	236,650	223,797	250,650	1.41
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Total Twn,Sch,Cnty	1,312,750	1,245,511	1,339,842	
Minus shared revenue	9,000	2,089	3,000	
Add war service cr	6,000	6,750	6,000	
Add overlay	1,000	4,643	2,000	
R E taxes to be raised	1,310,750	1,254,815	1,344,842	7.58

1996 1,257,875 /176,172,300 = \$ 7.14/1000

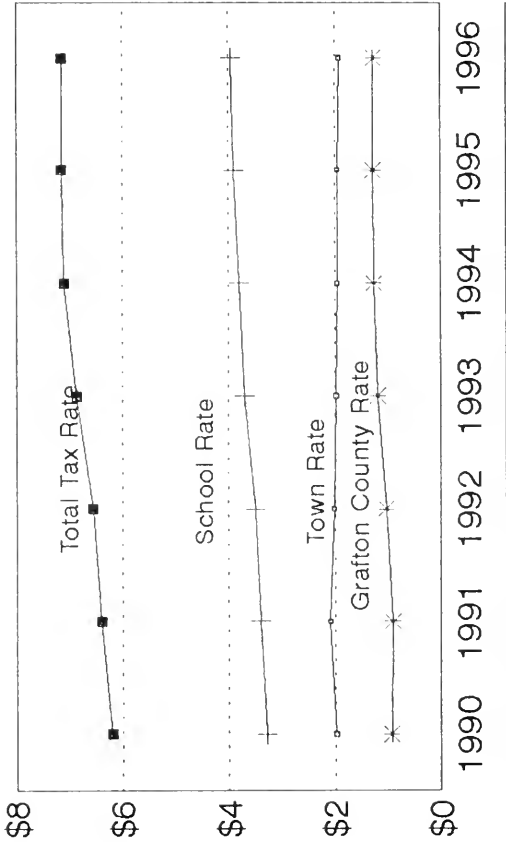
1997 1,344,842 /177,300,000 = \$ 7.58/1000

PROPERTY VALUATION COMPARISON LAST 17 YEARS

	net property valuation	Valuation change from previous year	tax rate/100
1980	10,767,700	+ 306,600	2.90
1981	11,170,840	+ 413,140	3.35
1982	11,272,540	+ 101,700	3.65
1983	11,674,845	+ 402,305	3.50
1984	12,163,845	+ 488,700	3.40
1985	12,481,080	+ 317,235	3.70
1986	13,439,150	+ 958,070	3.90
1987	15,678,789	+ 2,239,639	3.94
1988	18,724,540	+ 3,045,751	4.17
1989	157,658,824		0.615
1990	162,463,253	+ 4,804,429	0.620
1991	165,419,977	+ 2,956,724	0.640
1992	167,415,800	+ 1,995,823	0.656
1993	169,246,500	+ 1,830,700	0.687
1994	172,885,450	+ 3,638,950	0.710
1995	174,444,950	+ 1,559,500	0.714
1996	176,172,968	+ 1,728,018	0.714
est	177,300,000		

Tax Rates

1990 - 1995



Town	\$1.98	\$2.09	\$2.02	\$1.98	\$1.95	\$1.92
School	\$3.29	\$3.4	\$3.51	\$3.7	\$3.81	\$3.95
County	\$0.93	\$0.91	\$1.03	\$1.19	\$1.26	\$1.27
Tax Rate	\$6.2	\$6.4	\$6.56	\$6.87	\$7.1	\$7.14

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REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS*

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Bridgewater
Bridgewater, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Bridgewater for the year ended December 31, 1996, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

January 10, 1997

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

Town of Bridgewater
General Government Expense
Town Report Summary
12/31/96

Year to Date

Executive Office Expense	
Board of Selectmen Salary	9,900.00
Selectmen -Office Expense	1,662.82
Selectmen - Postage	1,930.99
Secretarial Expenses	3,165.50
Selectmen - Copy & Print	1,748.09
Selecmen - Maint/Office	1,727.06
Selectmen - Phone	782.64
Selectmen - Other	1,251.61
Moderator & Town Meet Exp	0.00
Other Executive Office	10.00

Total Executive Expense	\$ 22,178.71
Town Clerk , Election Exp	
Town Clerk Salary	5,058.00
Town Clerk - Phone	710.71
Town Clerk - Postage	0.00
Town Clerk - Copying	300.00
Town Clerk - Supplies	4,788.56
Election Expenses	3,345.70
Voter Registration	0.00
Other Elec., Reg. & Stats	0.00

Total Clerk & Election	\$ 14,202.97
Financial Administration	
Auditing Expenses	5,250.00
General Appraisal Expense	3,720.00
Tax Collector Salary	8,008.34
Deputy Tax Collector Sal.	998.00
Tax Collector - Postage	985.00
Tax Collecior - Office Exp	1,977.38
Tax Collector-Telephone	237.77
Other Tax Collector Exp	1,757.86
Treasurer Salary	1,500.00
Treasurer - Postage	320.00

Town of Bridgewater
Departmental Expenses
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	Year to Date
Other Treasurer Expenses	110.00
Refund of Taxes	1,454.76
Tax/Planning/Safety Maps	0.00
Other Financial Adm. Exp.	90.00
External Revaluation Srvs	0.00
Internal Revaluation Srvs	248.00
Other Revaluation Expense	0.00

Total Financial Adminin.	\$ 26,657.11
 General Legal Expense	
General Legal Expense	7,598.09
Claims, Judgements, Settlt	0.00
Other Legal Expenses	0.00

Total General Legal	\$ 7,598.09
 Employee Benefit Expenses	
Group Insurance - BC/BS	8,647.12
Group Insurance - Life	0.00
Group Insurance - Other	0.00
Social Security - Fica	7,259.33
Social Security -Medicare	1,679.48
Unemployment Compensation	363.29
Payroll Taxes	141.71
Retirement Expenses	4,806.15
Other Employee Benefits	284.05

Total Employee Benefits	\$ 23,181.13

Town of Bridgewater
Town Building Expenses
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Year to Date

General Expense-Buildings	
Town Offices - Oil	250.55
Town Offices - Electric	3,844.10
Town Offices - Water	0.00
Town Offices - Repairs	2,541.96
Town Offices- Maintenance	1,989.82
Town Offices - Insurance	762.00
Town Offices - Other	0.00
Fire Department - Propane	2,297.30
Fire Department -Electric	1,274.04
Fire Department - Water	0.00
Fire Department - Repairs	756.52
Fire Department - Maint.	424.00
Fire Department - Insur.	352.00
Fire Department - Other	1,262.60
Highway - Oil	1,064.56
Highway - Electric	1,770.31
Highway - Water	0.00
Highway - Repairs	551.40
Highway - Maintenance	325.33
Highway - Insurance	411.00
Highway - Other	0.00
Town Hall - Electricity	87.18
Town Hall - Repairs	(3,820.83)
Town Hall - Maintenance	150.00
Town Hall - Insurance	764.03
Town Hall - Other	250.00
River Rd. Sch. - Oil	664.86
River Rd. Sch. Electric	1,123.33
River Road Sch. - Water	0.00
River Rd. Sch. - Repairs	3,449.81
River Rd. Sch. - Maint.	237.60
River Rd. Sch - Insurance	293.00
River Road Sch. - Other	48.00
Other Building Expense	438.12
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Total Maintenance Expense \$	23,562.59

Town of Bridgewater
Departmental Expenses
Town Report Summary
12/31/96

Year to Date

Police Department	
Police Salaries	10,793.64
Secretarial Expense - Pd	0.00
Office Expense - PD	198.44
Office Supplies - PD	37.00
Police - Telephone	1,631.72
Police - Book & Period.	87.98
Dues - PD	0.00
Travel & Personal Reinb.	0.00
Liability Ins. - PD	2,500.00
Vehicle Insurance - PD	930.00
Other Insurance - PD	0.00
Training Expense - PD	318.21
Vehicle Exp. & Repair	276.64
Lease Purchase - Auto -PD	0.00
Gasoline - PD	3,759.36
Police Uniforms	401.94
Communication Expense	4.25
Radar Repairs	20.00
Snowmobile Expense & Rep.	0.00
Dispatch Services	3,346.49
Prosecutor Expense	330.00
Equipment Purchases	890.56
Other Police Expenses	62.84

Total Police Expense	\$ 25,589.07

Town of Bridgewater
 Departmental Expenses
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Year to Date

Fire Department

Fire Dept - Call Salaries	3,573.00
Personal Reinburse. FD	0.00
Training - FD	0.00
Fire Fighting	0.00
Truck Maintenance - FD	2,313.56
Airpack Maintenance - FD	448.51
Pump Maintenance - PD	112.85
Radio Maintenance - FD	2,877.70
Fire Extinguisher Maint.	0.00
Accessory Repairs - FD	144.00
Small Engine Repairs	0.00
Maintenance - Auto - FD	0.00
FD - Protective Equipment	882.40
Haz/Mat Materials and Exp	0.00
New Equipment - FD	0.00
Gasoline - FD	3,134.87
Fluids & Oils - Fd	0.00
Fluids & Foams - FD	0.00
General Administrative	0.00
Office Supplies - FD	35.10
Telephone - FD	1,066.35
Vehicle Ins. & Reg. - FD	3,308.00
Other Insurance - FD	0.00
Association Due - FD	35.00
Dispatch Services - FD	8,791.15
State of NH - Fees	0.00
Other Fire Dept Expenses	1,494.23

Total Fire Department	\$ 28,216.72
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Town of Bridgewater
Departmental Expenses
Town Report Summary
12/31/96

Year to Date

Highway Department Exp.	
Highway Admin. Costs	0.00
Engineering Costs	0.00
State of NH - Fees	75.90
Telephone Expense - HD	875.21
Vehicle Ins. & Reg - HD	6,520.00
Other Insurance - HD	0.00
Freight Expense	0.00
Dues	440.00
Travel	0.00
Lease Purchase Expense	15,985.44
Other Adm. Costs - HD	1,437.78
Salaries - HD	84,760.23
Snow and Ice Control	(40.00)
Sander Expense	0.00
Salt Expense	3,394.33
Winter Sand	6,297.60
Snow Plow Repairs	109.84
General Truck Repairs	1,241.65
Accessory Expense	1,125.28
Heavy Equipment Repairs	2,492.06
Tire Expense	1,758.96
Garage Inventory - HD	3,660.72
Oil & Transmission Fluids	562.88
Gasoline	4,004.56
Diesel Fuel	3,911.56
Anti-Freeze & Additives	0.00
Tool Expense	100.00
Equipment Purchases	10,306.00
Bridge Repairs	1,798.75
Guard Rails	0.00
Bridge Inspections - HD	0.00
Road Materials - Gravel	920.44
Road Materials - Culverts	188.79
Road Materials - Tar	6,796.95
Road Mater. - Guard Rails	0.00
Road Signs & Markers	260.45
Road Materials - Other	245.16
Subcontractors - Hd	10,525.50

Town of Bridgewater
Departmental Expenses
Town Report Summary
12/31/96

Year to Date

Rental Equipment	0.00
Hwy Reconstruction-Gravel	10,000.00
Hwy Reconstruction - Tar	15,510.00
Hwy Reconst./Subs & Rent.	0.00
Other Reconstruction Exp	4,000.00
Other Highway Expenses	(30,423.10)

Total Highway Expense	\$ 168,842.94

Insurance Summary

Year to Date

General Expense-Insurance	
Insurance - General Lia.	5,105.74
Insurance - Public Bond	2,810.00
Insurance - Accd & Indem.	0.00
Insurance - Floaters	0.00
Insurance - Work. Comp.	11,120.00
Insurance - Other	517.00
Town Offices - Insurance	762.00
Fire Department - Insur.	352.00
Highway - Insurance	411.00
Town Hall - Insurance	764.03
River Rd. Sch - Insurance	293.00
Vehicle Insurance - PD	930.00
Other Insurance - PD	0.00
Vehicle Ins. & Reg. - FD	3,308.00
Other Insurance - FD	0.00
Vehicle Ins. & Reg - HD	6,520.00
Other Insurance - HD	0.00

Total Insurance Expense	\$ 32,892.77

Town of Bridgewater
Departmental Expenses
Town Report Summary
12/31/96

	Year to Date
Conservation Commission	
Supplies - General - CC	0.00
Supplies - Office - CC	0.00
Postage - CC	0.00
Books & Periodicals - CC	0.00
Telephone - CC	0.00
Legal Exp - CC	0.00
Consulting Services - CC	0.00
Other Professional Exp	0.00
Printing & Copying	0.00
Maps - CC	0.00
Manuals - CC	30.00
Dues & Subscriptions - CC	300.00
Advertising - CC	0.00
Seminars - CC	71.00
Personal Reimbursement CC	31.64
Other Administr. Exp. CC	0.00
Purchase of Natural Res.	0.00
Other Acquisitions - CC	0.00
Exp. for Promotion - CC	0.00
Other Conservation Exp.	(455.58)

Total Conservation Exp. \$	(22.94)
Planning & Zoning Exp.	
Planning And Develop. Ctl	0.00
Postage - Planning	0.00
Supplies - Planning	334.50
Clerical Expense - Plan	200.10
Legal Expense - Planning	4,501.94
Engineering Exp. - Plan.	0.00
Printing/Copying - Plan	596.99
Advertising - Planning	286.83
Consulting Expense - Plan	0.00
Dues, Conference&Seminars	68.00
Other Planning Expense	250.00
Zoning Enforcment	568.33
Postage - Zoning	0.00
Supplies - Zoning	24.00
Copying - Zoning	0.00
Legal Expense - Zoning	0.00
Dues, Conference&Seminars	10.00
Other Zoning Expense	0.00

Total Plannning & Zoning \$	6,840.69

Town Of Bridgewater
Town Salaries
Town Report Summary
12/31/96

Year To Date

Maurice Jenness, Selectmen	\$	3300.00	
Terence Murphy, Selectmen		3300.00	
Thomas Curren, Selectmen		3300.00	
Donald Atwood, Road Agent		30481.94	*
Charles Moore, Highway Dept.		25255.20	*
E.Wayne Thompson		24365.24	*
James Gickas, Police		3442.50	
Derek Hunt, Police		1615.00	
William Harding, Police		3154.88	
Thomas Lynch, Police		609.88	
George Hill, Police		1971.38	
Margaret Thistle, Tax Collector		2800.00	
Nancy Denton, tax Collector		6033.36	
Marilyn Raymond, Treasurer		1500.00	
Patricia Mitchell, Town Clerk		1350.00	
Kathleen Vestal, Town Clerk		1752.00	
Eileen Linde, Staff		1589.00	
Rachel Spencer, Staff		1571.50	
Lawrence Morrill, Groundskeeper		468.00	
Fred Wilcox, Building Inspector		1848.00	**

* Includes Overtime Compensation & Retirement

** Includes part of a prior year

(Full time employees paid an average insurance
of \$1500.00) premium

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year ending 1996

Levy of 1996

Revenues committed

This year:

Property taxes	1,253,028.00
Yield taxes	9,812.47
Added property tax	0.00
Land use change	0.00
Road betterment	22,002.00

Overpayment

Property taxes	0.00
Int on Yield Taxes	0
Interest Collected	
on Delinquent Tax	1094.51
Interest on RBA	0.00

TOTAL DEBITS	1,285,936.98
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Remitted to Treasurer

During Fiscal Year:

Property taxes	1,170,359.25
Yield taxes	9,592.82
Land use change	0.00
Interest	1,094.51
Road betterment	18825.00
Interest on RBA	0.00
Overpayment Collected	0.00

Abatements made:

Property taxes	335.00
Yield taxes	

Uncollected Rev.

End of Year:

Property taxes	82,333.75
Yield taxes	219.65
Road betterment	3,177.00

TOTAL CREDITS:	1,285,936.98
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year ending 1996

Levy Of 1995

Liens sold or executed during fiscal year	31,147.73
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Interest & Cost Collected after lien execution	251.61
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TOTAL DEBITS:	31,399.34
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Remittance to Treasurer:	
Redemptions	11,969.63
Interest & Costs	
Costs after lien execution:	251.61

Abatements of unredeemed taxes	195.61
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Unredeemed liens	
Bal end of year	18,982.49

TOTAL CREDITS:	31,399.34
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TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1996

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1996, is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/96
<i>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</i>					
<i>General Obligation Debt Payable</i>					
Town Building Bonds	\$180,000	1988	1998	Variable	\$ 30,000
Fire Truck Note	\$90,000	1993	2003	Variable	60,000
Highway Truck	\$25,000	1996	2000	5.75	25,000
					<u>\$ 115,000</u>
<i>Capital Leases Payable</i>					
Front End Loader	\$32,500	1994	1998		\$ 15,069
Ford Truck	\$19,159	1994	1998		8,206
					<u>\$ 23,275</u>
<u>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u>					<u>\$ 138,275</u>
<i>Special Assessment Debt</i>					
Pine Street Renovation	\$60,814	1992	2000	5.00	\$ 23,368
Lavigne Road Renovations	\$52,500	1995	2005	Variable	47,250
<u>Total Special Assessment Debt</u>					<u>\$ 70,618</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize Governmental Fund Debt

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 1996, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, ____	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1997	\$ 31,250	\$ 6,677	\$ 37,927
1998	31,250	4,731	35,981
1999	16,250	2,784	19,034
2000	16,250	1,894	18,144
2001	10,000	1,005	11,005
2002-2003	<u>10,000</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>10,875</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$ 115,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,966</u>	<u>\$ 132,966</u>

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1996

Annual Requirements to Amortize Capital Leases

Fiscal Year Ending <u>December 31.</u>	<u>Capital Leases</u>		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1997	\$ 13,502	\$ 1,110	\$ 14,612
1998	<u>9,773</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>10,019</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 23,275</u>	<u>\$ 1,356</u>	<u>\$ 24,631</u>

Annual Requirements to Amortize Special Assessment Debt

Fiscal Year Ending <u>December 31.</u>	<u>Special Assessment Debt</u>		
	Principal	Interest	Total
1997	\$ 11,331	\$ 4,192	\$ 15,523
1998	11,331	3,544	14,875
1999	11,331	2,876	14,207
2000	10,375	2,217	12,592
2001	5,250	1,682	6,932
2002-2005	<u>21,000</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>24,186</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 70,618</u>	<u>\$ 17,697</u>	<u>\$ 88,315</u>

All debt is general obligation debt of the Town, which is backed by its full faith and credit. Account for Special Assessment debt will be funded through user fees. All other debt will be repaid from general governmental revenues.

All lease-purchase agreements contain non-appropriation funding clauses whereby, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated by the Town, the lease shall terminate without penalty or expense to the Town.

Bonds or Notes Authorized - Unissued

Bonds and notes authorized and unissued as of December 31, 1996 were as follows:

<u>Per</u> Town Meeting <u>Vote of</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Unissued</u> <u>Amount</u>
Article 3, 1991	Lavigne Road	<u>\$ 7,500</u>

SCHEDULE A-3
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

<u>Unreserved - Undesignated</u>		
<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$ 73,218	
 <u>Deduction</u>		
Unreserved Fund Balance Used		
To Reduce 1996 Tax Rate	<u>43,000</u>	
		\$ 30,218
 <u>Additions</u>		
<u>1996 Budget Summary</u>		
Revenue Surplus (Schedule A-1)	\$ 62,999	
(Overdraft) of Appropriations (Schedule A-2)	<u>(56,745)</u>	
1996 Budget Surplus		<u>6,254</u>
 <u>Unreserved - Undesignated</u>		
<u>Fund Balance - December 31</u>		<u>\$ 36,472</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Vendor Information

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Yr</u>
A102	Atlantic Broom Co.	0.00	25.12
A103	Ashland Lumber Co	0.00	0.00
A104	Atlantic Highway Signs	260.45	653.84
A105	AT&T	426.84	417.38
A106	Atlantic Plow Blade Co	0.00	302.08
A107	Atwood Donald	667.74	26.43
A108	Adams Construction	990.31	1028.18
A114	All State Asphalt	15510.00	22658.68
A116	Ambrose Brothers	348.00	3400.00
A98	Donald Atwood	510.00	443.98
B101	Bartlett David	200.00	421.10
B102	B-B Chain Co	798.28	316.70
B103	Bigelow Waste Co	0.00	92.52
B105	Pitney Bowes	658.99	711.55
B106	Bomor Construction	17671.00	23150.00
B108	Bristol Community Centre	4772.00	4750.00
B110	Bristol Auto Parts	2106.94	3459.69
B111	Benefit Strategies	125.00	0.00
B112	Bowie Electric	199.60	0.00
B118	Business Mgmt Systems	908.60	1091.40
B119	Town of Bristol	0.00	5238.68
B120	BMSI	0.00	967.00
B126	Bristol House of Pizza	216.70	43.95
C101	Capital Business Forms	0.00	57.35
C102	Carrco	2485.87	2748.83
C103	Cartographic Associates	2572.00	3673.00
C104	Cellular One	850.74	0.00
C105	Caterpillar Financial Svs	10893.90	19389.66
C106	Ms. Diane Calder	3390.00	1850.00
C107	Citizen Publishing	995.53	725.23
C109	Conway Associates	144.00	964.13
C110	CPI Printing	52.57	0.00
C114	Flodzick-Sanderson	5250.00	4400.00
C117	Diane G. Calder	310.00	180.00
C120	Officestuff Inc	1165.20	1216.04
C121	Clifford-Nicol	182.80	100.20
C122	Cohen Steel	21.62	69.30
C123	Clay's CopY Solutions	51.10	177.88
C130	Carroll Concrete	780.00	0.00
C133	Shawmut Bank, Conn. N.A.	31827.50	33415.00
C135	Phyllis Clement	240.00	60.00
C137	Country Flowers	677.00	331.50
C138	Chem - Dry	503.75	235.00

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Yr</u>
D100	Donovan Spring & Equip.	-339.57	1057.40
D102	Andrew Denton	640.00	739.10
D103	Celia Dempsey	135.00	0.00
D104	Donbeck Sales	35.00	0.00
D113	Dingee Machine Co.	0.00	70.54
D114	Dana Davis	1039.66	847.00
D115	DynaWatch Inc	712.80	712.80
D116	D & N Family Security	2095.00	915.00
D95	W.S Darley & Co.	0.00	102.78
E100	White Mt. Publishers	465.58	477.46
E103	Early Cleaning Service	0.00	250.00
E106	Michie Co..	649.70	2060.02
F101	Fuller Ford Inc	717.39	1025.70
F106	Ford Motor Credit	5127.49	5962.71
F107	The Fire Barn	457.75	926.54
F108	Fred Fuller Oil	3421.63	5528.14
F110	John Farro	253.70	350.00
F112	Fitts Saw & Supply	0.00	54.05
F95	Howard Fairfield, Inc	18269.84	373.13
G101	Gilbert Inc	444.41	0.00
G102	Grainger W.W., Inc	34.74	0.00
G104	NorthEast AirGas	633.52	755.85
G105	Grafton County Sheriff	3248.25	5027.75
G107	Grappone Truck Center	68.98	653.12
G109	GEMFORMS	718.45	0.00
G110	Irving Oil	4328.50	5006.39
G112	Lawrence Gilpatric	1255.66	149.15
G113	Gickas, Jim	153.94	197.11
G90	Creighton Gray	1381.80	1808.30
H103	H-B Incinerator District	40000.00	40000.00
H106	Highway Steel	1018.75	0.00
H107	James Hand	191.00	321.90
H108	Hoby Harmon	18.00	92.00
H111	HEWS	0.00	1103.80
I100	Internal Revenue Service	537.46	325.93
I102	AKZO Nobel Salt Inc	3634.33	4705.72
I104	Irwin Motors	421.70	289.97
I105	Lakes Region Two Way	821.50	2251.27
I95	IBM PC-Direct	-222.00	704.80
J100	Jordan Milton	2412.06	1499.99
J102	Albert Jacques	198.88	158.00
K101	Casey Kuplin	0.00	38.00
L100	Laconia Electric	755.35	114.62
L102	Tri State Fire Protection	86.40	0.00
L105	Lakes Region Mutual Aid	8791.15	8561.82
L106	Lakes Region Planning	1948.00	2286.00

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Yr</u>
L109	Ray Lambert Ent	0.00	114.79
L114	Ron Linde	365.00	971.28
L115	Eileen Linde	205.84	306.81
L116	Tom Lynch	222.00	130.00
L125	Nils Larson	0.00	41.91
L126	Lily Pond Communications	4.25	0.00
L127	Steve Loisel	78.00	93.00
L129	Liberty Mutual Insurance	0.00	195.00
M101	Pat Mitchell	0.00	310.00
M102	J P Morrison & Sons	0.00	10488.00
M103	James Morrill	0.00	39.00
M107	Terence M. Murphy	308.81	259.21
M108	David Monell Oil Services	312.65	495.95
M109	MJI Chemical Co	0.00	0.00
M110	M.M.C. Inc	0.00	0.00
M111	MobileComm	98.24	64.23
M113	Moore, Charles	1035.32	172.00
M114	Donna Monell	88.00	0.00
M117	Paul MacVitie	25.00	78.00
M118	Victor MacAdams	405.00	414.90
M119	Maclean Hunter Reports	107.00	0.00
M120	Mac-Durgan Associates	349.00	409.90
M122	Mason Enterprises	48.00	0.00
M123	Elaine MacAdam	250.00	0.00
M124	Eugene Morgan	2183.00	0.00
N100	Newfound Area Nursing	6744.00	7737.00
N102	New England Telephone	3606.61	4136.47
N103	Newfound Country Store	1725.72	347.94
N104	Newfound School District	689134.00	677315.74
N105	Newfound Chamber of Comm.	125.00	125.00
N106	NH Assoc. of Assessing	20.00	20.00
N107	NH Town Clerks Assoc.	117.60	20.00
N108	NH Bituminus Co	6494.72	0.00
N110	NH Electric Cooperative	1510.51	956.46
N112	NH Humane Association	300.00	300.00
N113	NHMA Health Trust	15905.04	16653.12
N114	NH Municipal Association	635.32	595.76
N115	NH Municipal Unemployment	363.29	128.62
N116	NH Department of Safety	0.00	80.00
N117	Neptune	195.00	246.00
N118	Mitchell & Bates	20390.47	13352.08
N122	NH Tax Collectors Assoc.	15.00	15.00
N124	Noyes Insurance	35127.00	30834.00
N125	NH Assoc. Of Conser. Comm	0.00	100.00
N126	NH Treasurer	838.50	25.00
N128	Northeast Tire Service	961.60	2921.97

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Yr</u>
N132	Newfound Plumbing	383.70	277.58
N135	North County Equipment	0.00	41.69
N136	Marjory Nickerson	306.00	126.00
N137	NH Assoc. Of Conserv. Com	150.00	0.00
N140	Al Nickerson	155.00	0.00
N94	Newfound Ambulance	5500.00	0.00
O100	Ossipee Mt Electronics	0.00	79.58
P100	Pemigewasset Nat'l Bank	189701.99	261170.86
P102	Bruning Farmers Exchange	0.00	158.54
P103	Patten's Upholstery Cntr	0.00	8.00
P105	Pemi Plumbing & Heating	38.00	0.00
P107	Plymouth Regional Clinic	0.00	1000.00
P108	Public Service of NH	7337.78	6997.79
P110	Proforma Unlimited	288.54	163.83
P111	Ileene Pollard	6.00	3126.00
P112	David W. Preston	670.00	82.80
P114	PC Connection	136.90	423.95
P119	Patsy's GMC	60696.00	0.00
P120	Parts Associates	2142.82	2924.92
P122	F. M. Piper	1738.45	1463.65
P123	Pike Industries	302.23	0.00
Q100	Quill	0.00	1374.44
R100	Radio Shack	0.00	15.49
R101	A.M. Rand Company Inc	55.10	160.33
R105	Real Data	20.00	20.00
R109	Registrar of Deeds	330.35	359.89
R112	RUUD Lighting	159.60	0.00
R114	Dave Roberts	0.00	44.14
R95	Marilyn Raymond	330.00	60.00
S100	Sanel Auto Parts Co.	570.50	836.93
S102	Speare Hospital	2000.00	2525.00
S104	Surplus Distribution Sect	525.50	848.50
S108	Stark & Sons Machine	93.91	0.00
S109	Skips Gun Shop	0.00	142.49
S110	Kathleen W. Ward	223797.00	223458.00
S111	E.W. Sleeper	0.00	375.00
T100	Thompson E. Wayne	2212.09	7905.00
T103	Trapper Brown Corp.	0.00	300.00
T104	Tucker, Robert	209.50	0.00
T106	Tri County Community Act	389.00	400.00
T107	Two Way Communication	2452.20	0.00
T109	Town Of Bridgewater	31147.73	24181.30
T95	Margaret Thistle	0.00	141.85
T96	William Thistle	0.00	1015.49
U100	US Postal Service-Bristol	2264.00	2396.00
U101	US Postal Service-Plymth	320.00	96.00

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

<u>V#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Yr</u>
U102	Grafton Cnty Senior Citiz.	1002.00	1002.00
U104	UNH - Technology Transfer	250.00	0.00
V101	Kathy Vestal	1867.40	0.00
V102	Barbara Veator	640.00	60.00
W100	Wheeler & Clark	0.00	0.00
W101	Water Supply & Poll Board	0.00	0.00
W102	Williams, R P	997.54	534.14
W103	Wilson Tire	797.36	1431.51
W104	Lara Joan Wolter, Esquire	45.00	383.00
W105	Fred Wilcox	1848.50	0.00
W111	Scott Wilcox	1422.00	210.90
W112	Arthur Whitcomb, Inc	572.44	84.98
W113	Water Industries Inc	0.00	0.00
X100	Xerox Corp	983.45	1157.32
Y100	Yeaton Oil	0.00	27.43
Y102	Yeaton Agway	245.16	27.43

Additional Vendor Information

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aardvark Ind.	\$ 688.77
Joseph Allison	31.64
Ashley & Lemieux	35.10
Audubon of N.H.	71.00
Roberta Baker	650.00
Baker Valley Floor	1,295.00
Barnard Survey	2,455.00
Bergeron Assoc.	404.65
Bridgewater Historical	300.00
Bristol Auto Parts	199.66
Bristol Electric	225.10
Ken Brooks	2,955.00
David Carlson	941.00
CDW Computers	2,095.19
Cellular One	43.29
City of Franklin	10.00
The Cobb Group	98.00
Concord Group	181.25
Mrs.Gayle Cook	50.00
CPI Printing	282.30
Cecila Dempsey	30.00
Nancy Denton	172.98
Depart. of Agriculture	423.00
Margaret Downing	20.00
Carol Elliot	480.00
Engraving and Awards	325.00
Family Tree	233.00
Glen Finnegan	100.00
Ken Forbes	1,609.17
Franklin Templeton Tst.	2,045.40
Galls Inc.	106.94
Geddes Building Mover	1,500.00
Gem Forms	70.21
Gilbert Inc.	274.70
Gould Equipment	4,994.00
Dale Gray	13.28
Frank Griswold	48.84
Peter Harmon	36.00
Pauline Havens Trustee	635.00
IBM	807.00
Inn on Newfound Lk.	75.00
Irving Oil	100.25
Don Jamieson	2,000.00
Brenda Karkos	15.00
David Kilburn	36.00
Kings Stone Masonary	4,000.00
Lake Area Maintenance	420.00
Lake Area Property	715.00
Lakes Region Gen. Host.	55.00
Tom Lynch	375.00

Elaine Mac Adam	277.50
Robin MacVittie	48.00
Brian McKinley	3.91
Maine Concrete Pipe	687.59
Dawn Mann	12.00
Mason Ent.	24.00
Donna Monnell	314.00
Eugene Morgan	492.00
Lawrence Morrill	470.00
E.J.Murphy	112.85
NASAP	50.00
NEDC	300.00
New England Appraisal	37.00
NewFound Graphics	560.00
NHDSP	10.00
N.H. Municipal Truck Eq.	1,695.00
N.H. Assoc. of Conserv.	180.00
N.H. Business Review	24.00
Newfound Glass	80.00
N.H.Division of M.V.	25.00
N.H.Office State Plann.	30.00
National Assoc. EVT.	35.00
National Business Furn.	247.00
North Country RC and D	15.00
Pemi Valley Telephone	170.00
Pershing (Retirement Fund)	1,612.44
Plymouth Regional Clinic	1,000.00
Plymouth Senior Ctre.	500.00
Quill	191.12
Marilyn Raymond Treasurer	50.00
Milton Reed	70.00
Road Agents Assoc.	20.00
David Roberts	97.00
Sherwin Dodge Printers	195.00
Shop and Save	435.27
Sister,s Two	102.50
Philip Soule	150.00
Rachel Spencer	243.00
Dr.Liwen Alice Sun	8.45
Swenson Granite	3,312.44
Task Force Dom. Violence	500.00
Technology Transfer	50.00
Guy Torsey	306.00
Paul and Mary Torsey	1.00
Town of Bristol	100.00
Town Hall Press	11.52
True Colors	80.00
UNH	145.00
Uniformly Yours	198.38
Vision Appraisal	87.00
Volpe,s	330.00
Lynn White	50.00
Dan Whyte	150.00
Mr. James Whyte	4.47
William Wilkinson	53.98
Lara J. Wolter, Esq.	285.00
Hank Woolner	13.01

BRIDGWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books on Hand Dec 31, 1996

Adult fiction	950	
Adult non-fiction	810	
Large Print	55	
Westerns	183	
Mysteries	305	
Science Fiction	30	
Juvenile Fiction	319	
Juvenile non-fiction	240	
Easy readers	250	3142

Books Loaned

Adult	196	
Juvenile	30	266
Magazines	10	
Paperbacks	50	
Jigsaw puzzles	10	70

We have been in somewhat of a turmoil during our move to the other end of the building. We are pretty well established now. We would like to thank all those who donated to the library in the past year especially Douglas Kean with his donation of 28 cartons of books. We will get them shelved and in circulation as time permits.

For the Library Trustees,

Marilyn Raymond, Librarian

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

The Library Trustee's voted to use the accumulated interest on the 2 CD's for refurbishing the new location of the library in the River Road Community Building. This was done at the maturity date of January of 1996 and the original sums of \$ 1,000.00 were reinvested.

Receipts

Balance Dec 31,1996	\$ 450.74
Interest earned (NOW acct)	16.09
Check from Town	635.00
Monies from CD's	1,256.23
 TOTAL	 \$ 2358.06

Payments

Salaries Librarian	87.00
B. Veator	228.00
Check fees NOW account	1.40
Petty cash	50.00
Misc.	174.59
Dues & Fees	30.00
Allis Book	57.75
Ashland Library	93.00
Florist (in memoriam)	90.00
D. Preston (Const.& Materials)	661.88
Ames (16 Bookcases)	739.85
 TOTAL	 \$2212.07
 Balance	 \$ 145.99
 Emergency Fund: 2 CD's at current value	 \$ 2098.82

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Havens, Treasurer

Police Department

The Bridgewater Police Department has been busier this year more so than any other so far. Many new and exciting upgrades have taken place this year. To start with, The Police Department has upgraded it's record keeping procedures and reporting features with a new database system designed by one of our own officers. The system is working great and is efficient for the Department.

The Departments continuous increase in calls for service prompted us to assist you better this year by instituting an "on call" program. This program makes officers available for you on a frequent basis, and requires less assistance from the State Police or County Sheriff's Office. Our goal is to better the assistance and to increase the availability of our officers to your needs and emergencies. This "on-call" system is working out to be the best way for us to provide you with the assistance you need in times of crisis.

We have added an answering machine in the office on a trial basis. When you call in, it will advise if it is an emergency, to hang up and dial 911. If it is not an emergency, you can leave a message. The On call officer will return your call. The on-call officers check the answering machine several times a day to ensure your call is returned promptly. We hope this assists you better, and expedites your need for assistance.

The Department wishes to thank those who have generously supported us this past year. With all of the new changes taking place in the department to better your service, it was great to hear your positive input from those who needed to call upon us in those moments of need. From all of us at the Department, we hope you have a safe and healthy year ahead!

Chief Gickas, Officer Harding, Officer Hunt, Officer Hill, Officer Jacques

Fire Department

The Bridgewater Fire Brigade experienced an average year in 1996 with 46 responses to emergencies of all kinds. Efforts continued to increase the size of the roster of the department and we did welcome two new members during the year. This pleased me greatly since I had set a goal of adding two members every year to provide for adequate coverage and offset any attrition. As I indicated last year, I still consider this to be my prime concern due to the fact that we have very limited coverage during particular times of the day. If anyone were interested in finding out more about the department, or would be interested in joining us, I would invite them to visit the station on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

In looking forward to 1997 I would ask that you all practice fire safety in the home. Be sure that you have working smoke detectors throughout your house, plan and practice evacuation drills from you home (particularly if you have children) and be sure that your woodstoves and chimneys are safe before operation. If you have any questions on any fire safety matter, please contact us. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew S. Denton, Chief

Newfound Area Nursing Association

NANA is beginning its thirty seventh year of dedicated service to the residents of this community. The professionalism of our staff is unmatched and of the highest quality. The personal attention they bring to the care of our clients and the responsiveness to the physicians and families has always been a top priority at NANA.

How to retain this excellence in the current environment that exists in health care presently is a challenge. We must position the organization to thrive in the future while better serving the people in our community.

During 1996, we purchased new computers and updated our information system to achieve efficiencies and collect more accurate, timely data. We also acquired an outcome documentation product which will measure our effectiveness more precisely.

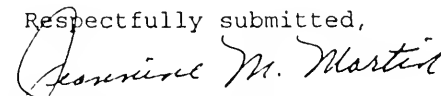
The following is a summary of services provided to Bridgewater residents at home:

Skilled Nursing visits	518
Physical Therapy visits	99
Supervisory visits	49
Home Health Aide visits	1761
Homemaker visits	343

In addition to the home visits, many have received services in our Well Child Clinic, Immunization Program and assistance from our Medical Social Worker.

Healthcare economy is a must for all providers. We are cutting costs by increasing productivity. We must continue to be poised for change while remaining true to our mission and commitment to the Newfound Area.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeannine M. Martin
Executive Director



Plymouth Regional Clinic
258 Highland Street Plymouth, NH 03264

at the Whole Village Family Resource Center

(603) 536-4467

October 28, 1996

Board of Selectmen
Town of Bridgewater
297 Mayhew Turnpike
Bridgewater, N.H. 03222

Dear Selectmen,

Plymouth Regional Clinic is requesting that area towns appropriate funds to the clinic in their FY 1997-98 budgets.

The Plymouth Regional Clinic is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization providing general medical care to area residents who have limited incomes and no health insurance. The clinic has been open one evening a week since July 1994 and has provided care for almost 600 patient visits.

We have seen patients of all ages and for varying medical complaints, from minor ailments to life-threatening illness, with many seeking treatment for illnesses or conditions which have gone unattended because the patient could not afford medical care. Our volunteer social workers have assisted many patients in identifying other available services which might help them. The enclosed brochure provides more information on our services and eligibility requirements.

Please note that in July of this year, the clinic moved to the offices of Family Planning at the Whole Village Family Resource Center on Highland Street and changed its evening of operation to Tuesdays.

Plymouth Regional Clinic has managed to keep its operating expenses low through the generous donation of in-kind services and space by Family Planning, Plymouth State College, Speare Memorial Hospital and area businesses; as well as the volunteer services provided by area physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers and others. As in the past, the clinic is seeking funds for three main purposes, among others: to cover operating expenses such as insurance, medical and office supplies, and licensing fees; to hire a part-time administrator to ensure the clinic's effective ongoing operation; and to create a fund to allow the clinic to pay for patient prescriptions--one of the highest medical costs many patients face.

In order to raise the necessary funds, Plymouth Regional Clinic will solicit donations from area individuals and

businesses, and will be applying for grant money. In addition, the clinic is requesting that area towns place in their 1997 budgets (for Fiscal Year 1998) an appropriation of \$1,000 dollars, or any portion of this which the town feels is appropriate. It is hoped that the towns will realize some savings in the medical account of their welfare budgets due to the availability of the clinic's services.

If you have questions not addressed in the enclosed brochure or would like more information, please feel free to call the Clinic Administrator, Eileen Towne, at 536-4467.

We hope the towns will support our efforts to meet the medical needs of community members who cannot afford health care. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Scalese".

Vincent Scalese, Ed.D.
President, Board of Directors
Plymouth Regional Clinic

BRISTOL COMMUNITY CENTER
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
1996

1996 has been a very busy and exciting year at the BCC with some great improvements and one big loss. This year we have finally become handicap accessible through the help and generosity of many local people and organizations. It required a lot of hard work and dedication from two people especially. Beth Mitchell, who successfully wrote and received a grant from the Fleet Youth All Stars for \$10,000.00 towards the project, and Melva Day who beat the bushes for donations of much needed labor and machinery. Others that we would like to thank are Brackley Shaw, Ken Braley & Sons, Weaver Brothers Construction Co., Haney Concrete Co., Carroll Concrete, Bomar Construction, Pike Industries, the Towns of Bristol, Bridgewater and Alexandria, RP Williams & Sons, John & Melva Day, Doug Williams & Family, Ray Bliss & Family, Pat Moyer, Bristol EMS Explorer Post #41, Boy Scout Troop 59, Bristol Nursery School, Newfound School Summer Program, Dan MacLaughlin, William Simpson & Sons, Walker Farm Picket Fence Day Care Center, Ruth Wells, Hebron Kindergarten and many Area Youth .

Our big loss this year is the loss of Beth Mitchell as Director of the Bristol Community Center. Beth has taken the position of Program Coordinator at Gunstock Recreation Area. This was not an easy decision for her and one made with her family being foremost in her mind. It is with great regret that we say good bye to Beth as she has done so much for the BCC and community in her nine years here. Leslie Dion has been named as the new BCC Director.

Bridgewater residents participated in all programs at the BCC which included Aerobics, Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Dances, Teen Open House, Karate, Open House, Senior League Baseball & Softball, Umpire Clinics, Badminton, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Moms & Tots Tot Time, SHARE, Swimming Lessons, Arts In Motion, Volleyball, Art Classes, Basket Making Classes, Adult Basketball, Summer Camps, Ghost Walk, Haunted Hike, Soccer, Walking Club, Wrestling, Line Dance Classes and much, much more.

We would like to thank all Bridgewater residents who participated in the programs and special events. A special thanks goes to the Newfound School District and school principals for opening their doors to us and our ever growing programs. We would not be able to offer these without their support. Also our thanks to Freudenberg NOK for their continued generosity to the BCC and RP Williams for all they do throughout the year.

We especially need to thank the many volunteers that donate their time and energy here at the BCC each year. Whether it is coaching a team, chaperoning a dance, baking for our many fund raisers or volunteering wherever needed we could not possibly do what we do without you. The list is too numerous to mention but you know who you are and we thank you.

The BCC has just ended it's 50th year. We are excited at the prospect of the next 50 serving the youth and adults of the Newfound Region.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
 DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 DIVISION of FORESTS and LANDS
 172 Pembroke Road P.O. Box 1856 Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

ROBB R. THOMSON
 Commissioner

603-271-2214
 FAX: 603-271-2629

JOHN E. SARGENT
 Director

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST
 RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS
 (Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

TOTAL FIRES 107

“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”

Douglas C. Miner
 Forest Ranger

Lawrence E. Gilpatrick
 Forest Fire Warden



Forest Protection (603) 271-2217
 Forest Management (603) 271-3456

Land Management (603) 271-3456
 Information & Planning (603) 271-3457



GRAFTON COUNTY
Senior Citizens
 COUNCIL

P.O. Box 433 • Lebanon, NH 03766-0433 • 603/448-4897 • Fax: 603/448-3906

Bristol Area Senior Services
 P.O. Box 266, Bristol, NH 03222
 Roberto W. Gatehouse, Coordinator
 744-8395
 744-8395(fax)

Grafton County RSVP
 P.O. Box 433, Lebanon, NH 03766
 Edith Celley, Director
 448-1825
 448-3906(fax)

Linwood Area Senior Services
 P.O. Box 461, Lincoln, NH 03251
 Katherine Burns, Coordinator
 745-4705

Mascoma Area Senior Center
 P.O. Box 210, Canaan, NH 03741
 Holly Donovan, Director
 523-4333
 523-4334(fax)

Orford Area Senior Services
 P.O. Box 98, Orford, NH 03777
 Maureen Byrne, Coordinator
 353-9107

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
 P.O. Box 478, Plymouth, NH 03264
 Regina Loring, Director
 536-1204
 536-2090(fax)

Littleton Area Senior Center
 P.O. Box 98, Littleton, NH 03561
 Madeline Markle, Director
 444-6050
 444-1612(fax)

Upper Valley Senior Center
 P.O. Box 433, Lebanon, NH 03766
 Barbara Hensel, Director
 448-4213
 448-3906(fax)

Haverhill Area Senior Services
 P.O. Box 298, Woodsville, NH 03785
 Maureen Byrne, Coordinator
 747-2569
 747-2569(fax)

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT 1996

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to enhance the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1996, 51 older residents of Bridgewater were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services. These individuals enjoyed balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources by our lift-equipped buses, and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Bridgewater residents was \$6,502.69.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Bridgewater were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Bridgewater community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin
 Executive Director

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Date and place of birth; name and sex of child; name of father; maiden name of mother.

March 25, 1996	Franklin Regional Hospital	Parker Douglas Bergholm, male Douglas Eric Bergholm, Angeta Joan Carignan
June 16, 1996	Franklin Regional Hospital	Kira Marie Kenny, female Michael Joseph Kenny, Colleen Marie Conway
December 23, 1996	Lakes Regional General Hospital	Olivia Mae Schofield, female Michael John Schofield, Jennifer Leigh Bernard

MARRIAGES

Date of marriage; name and surname of bridegroom and bride; residence at time of marriage.

May 17, 1996	Aaron Lewis Witham Alison Louise Paronto	Bridgewater, NH Plymouth, NH
June 1, 1996	Jamason A. Adams Kristy A. Crowley	Bridgewater, NH Bridgewater, NH
June 8, 1996	Robert Jon Boucher Tracey Lynn Chamberlain	Bridgewater, MA Sanbornton, NH
June 8, 1996	James M. Schauer Jennifer Coates	Milford, MA Milford, MA
August 3, 1996	Curtis Kneeland Hughes Doria Allegra Phelps-Braun	Acton, MA Lincoln, MA
August 24, 1996	Humberto Jose Cordero Heather Lee McElroy	Somerville, MA Somerville, MA
September 7, 1996	Lee Allen Hughes Laurie Ann Hughes	Bridgewater, NH Bridgewater, NH
September 7, 1996	Jeffrey Adam Rogers Laura Ann Peterson	Roslindale, MA Roslindale, MA

DEATHS

Date and place of death; name and surname of deceased; name of father; name of mother.

March 3, 1996	Laconia, NH	Robena Montgomery Arbuckle James Arbuckle, Harriet Rogers
April 6, 1996	Franklin, NH	William Timson John Timson, Lois Thorn
April 10, 1996	Plymouth, NH	Henry Devoe Crane Jr. Henry Devoe Crane Sr., Zena Purcell
May 22, 1996	Plymouth, NH	David Balboni Pasquale Balboni, Idalyn Barafoldi

DEATHS CONTINUED

June 9, 1996	Plymouth, NH Anna Christina Elizabeth Bonham Alfreda Johnson
June 17, 1996	Bridgewater, NH Margaret Agnus Thistle Frank Maher, Mary Finneran
July 12, 1996	Plymouth, NH Patricia Grace Mitchell Leonard Mitchell, Susan Lashua
August 12, 1996	Plymouth, NN Lillian Louise Clement George Chard, Nellie Sewall
October 3, 1996	Plymouth, NH Elena Virginia Murphy Francis Conti, Elena Fiarani
October 5, 1996	Meredith, NH Alice Lamar Fisher Thomas Walter Mathews, Alice Rebecca Toomer
October 24, 1996	Franklin, NH Jean Ann Stewart Wilcox William Malcom Longmuir, Margaret Ingalls

BRIDGEWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

F. Joseph Allison
Chairman

2875 River Road
Plymouth, NH 03246

Telephone 603-744-3058
Fax 744-3058

The members of the Conservation Commission believe that they should meet and work when there is business to be done. Being somewhat inactive during 1996, they did meet regularly during the summer. Since the lake was to be drawn down earlier than usual, there were a number of shorefront owners who sought Wetlands Permits. Altogether seven applications were received and approved. One project of dumping beach sand was halted because a permit had not been issued. Complying with the Wetland regulations and the Shorefront Protection Act are important to maintain the health of the Pemmi and the Lake.

In addition to these routine items, discussions were held concerning a community Wetlands Inventory. Although contributing to the natural beauty of the area, wetlands are far more important in the purifying of water resources, controlling flooding and erosion, and contributing to a healthy ecological environment. They are a valuable resource to both the community and the landowner. Identifying and classifying these will benefit the wise development of Bridgewater. We welcome any and all who want to get involved.

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

TO REPORT A FIRE	911
MEDICAL AMBULANCE DISPATCH	911
POLICE DEPT	911
Police - Business & Non Emergencies	744-6745
Fire Department - Business	744-6047
Highway Department	744-6039
New Hampshire State Police	1-800 - 525 - 5555
Poison Information Center	1-800 - 562 - 8236
Town Hall Rte 3A	744 - 5055
Business hours:	
Tuesday: 1 PM - 4PM	
Thursday: 9 AM - 12 Noon	
Excepting holidays & Vacations	
Selectmen's Office	744 - 5055
Selectmen's Meeting	Town Hall Rte 3A
Every Thurs Evening except holidays	
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	
Town Clerk's Office	1 - 968 - 7911
River Road School House	
Every Wed Evening	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
3rd Sat of month	8:30 AM -10:00 PM
Excepting holidays and vacation	
Tax Collector; Call Nancy Denton	744 - 5944
Reasonable hours excepting holidays & vacation	
Planning Board; Call Elaine MacAdam	744 - 9986
Meets 3rd Tuesday of month 7:30 PM	
Board of Adjustment; Call Nils Larson	744 - 2433
Meets on request	

BUILDING ? ADDING ON ?

File an application with building inspector	
Fred Wilcox	744 - 3728